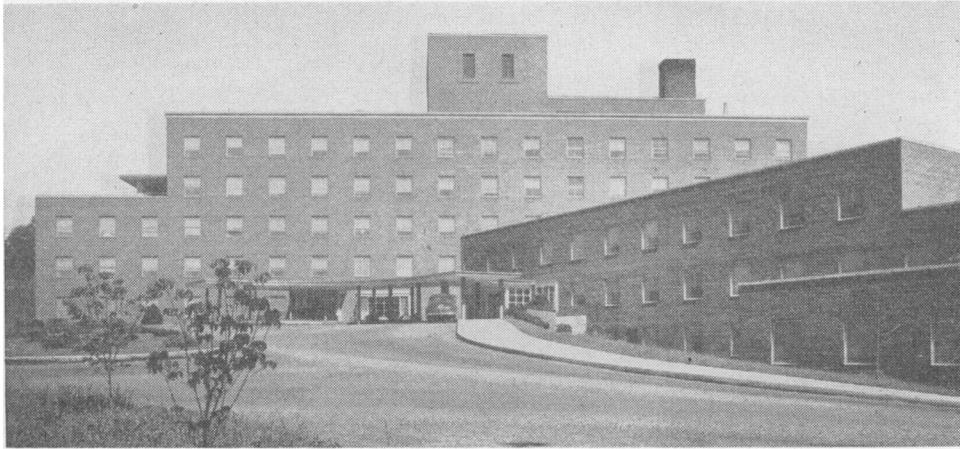


King's Daughters'
Hospital

Staunton, Virginia

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The 117-bed King's Daughters' Hospital at Staunton, Va. (frontispiece and above), a community hospital built in 1951 with the aid of funds provided through the Federal Hospital Survey and Construction Act, replaced a 61-bed obsolete facility which had been operating at more than capacity under most difficult circumstances. Occupancy in the new building during the first year rose to almost 100 percent. However, the new hospital is planned for expansion: the kitchen, laundry, boiler room, and laboratory could take care of a 75-bed addition with only minor alterations.

As an intermediate hospital, the institution cooperates with the State's medical colleges in their intern and consultant programs. It also extends special services, particularly pathology, to many physicians in nearby communities and to the Waynesboro Community Hospital.

The Augusta - Staunton - Waynesboro Health Department is located in the hospital building, making for easier and closer association in its joint efforts with the hospital.

The hospital has attracted a number of additional physicians to the city and has had no staffing problems except in the nursing department. It has solved this problem, at least to a degree, through a practical nurse training program operated jointly with the local high school. In their senior year, selected applicants complete the academic phases of practical nurse training as approved by the State. They then join the hospital staff for the necessary in-service training. As students they help the professional nursing staff. Some of them remain with the hospital after completion of their training; and some go on to professional nursing schools.

The exterior (above) shows the main hospital building and main entrance, with the wing which houses the health department at the right.

On the frontispiece, one of the nurseries is shown at the upper left. At the center left is another view of the main entrance, and at the lower right a nursing station is shown. (Architects: York & Sawyer. Photographs by Sigurd Fischer.)

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